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Stand by Me

# STAND BY ME
## CHAPTER 3

beep
beeeep
CLICK
gets up
HUH?
I ONLY HAVE TO WORK PART-TIME IN THE AFTERNOON
SO WHY DID I SET THE ALARM?
AH...

Haru, from the same model agency—
Ah, right...
KA-CHAK
I'LL STAY THE NIGHT
Haru slept over.
In the middle of the living room
Then at least take this...
rolling over
I CAN SLEEP ANYWHERE
HERE'S FINE
HARU, I CHANGED THE SHEETS, SO THE BED

tap
tap
TODAY'S YOUR STUDIO SHOOTING, RIGHT?
YOU HAVE TO GET UP SOON
RATTLE
HARU!
Finished preparing
snicker
...
SHUUJI-SAN
WHEN IT COMES TO TAKING CARE OF SOMEONE, YOU'RE EVEN BETTER THAN A WOMAN
I POUR SOME COFFEE FOR YOU
AH, IF YOU WANT TO SHOWER, THE TOWELS ARE...
clatter
WHAT DO YOU EAT FOR BREAKFAST?
...
IF YOU LIKE, I CAN MAKE YOU SOMETHING

slip
GASP
catch
yaaawn
WHEN SOMEONE'S OLDER, YOU HAVE TO PROPERLY ATTACH A "-SAN" TO THEIR NAME
SHUUJI-SAN, LET ME USE YOUR SHOWER
he he he
I...
GOT TEASED...?
That surprised me~
I thought I was called by my name for the first time..
BUT
DOES THAT MEAN HE'S IN A GOOD MOOD?
brr brr brr

AH GOOD MORNING
clack
THE OFFICE MANAGER..
brr brr brr
GOOD WORK YESTERDAY
By the way yesterday
do you know if Haru returned safely?
He won't pick up his phone and I'm worried if he'll come to today
IT SEEMS LIKE HARU FINISHED THE SHOOTING WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM, TOO
THANK YOU, SHUUJI ♥
UM
HARU'S HERE AT MY PLACE
WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM... HUH

Uaaah—
I'M RELIEVED—♥
I WAS ABOUT TO GO TO THAT APARTMENT AGAIN
EH—, REALLY—? SO HE WAS TOGETHER WITH YOU, SHUUJI —
Heeh—
..SOMEHOW, I HAVE A BAD FEELING..
Eh?
MADE E VIOLENT CHANDL
HE STAYED THE NIGHT
Really?!
AH, HE'S TAKING A SHOWER AT THE MO-MENT
BUT I HAVE TO WORK PART-TIME TO-DAY...
You can go home after taking him to work♥Please♥ Ok?♥Ok?♥
After all that's in the afternoon, right?
If it's not too much trouble, could you please make sure that Haru will make it to the studio on time?
Umm, Shuuji? You don't have to work today, right?
SHE SAID IT

defeat
... yes...
HEY, THOSE GUYS- I'VE SEEN THEM SOMEWHERE FOR SURE~♥
whisper
SO TALL~♥
whisper
MAYBE THEY'RE ENTERTAINERS? OR MODELS?
When I'm with Haru, I'm standing out..

AND WHILE I'M AT IT
I'LL TAKE YOU TO WORK
I—HAVE TO WORK PART-TIME—
YOU DO YOU HAVE A SHOOTING TOO, TODAY?
YOUR PART-TIME JOB. WHERE ARE YOU WORKING?
blush
Pfft
EVEN PRIMARY-SCHOOLERS RIDE THE TRAIN TO SCHOOL ALONE—
HE'S RIGHT
YOU TAKE ME TO WORK?
THAT'S—
Dawnie
Manager

HEEEHH.
UNLIKE YOU, I CAN'T FEED MYSELF JUST WORKING AS A MODEL.
I WORK AT A CAFÉ—
I'M RELATIVELY FREE WITH MY SCHEDULE.
I CAN WORK ON DAYS WHEN I DON'T WORK AS A MODEL OR ONLY AT NIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE.
he he he
grin
SINCE THAT COULD REALLY HAPPEN I CAN'T LAUGH ABOUT IT.
SO YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE
THAT THE OFFICE DOESN'T FORCE YOU TO BECOME MY ATTENDANT

Haru's laughing quite a lot
Are you really in a good mood today?
AH
RIGHT→
I forgot to tell you.
EEEEEEH—
I'LL STAY AT YOUR PLACE.
EH-
I GOT KICKED OUT OF MY ROOM...

G' MORNING
HARU, GOOD MORNING.
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF US TODAY
Today's the shooting for the special edition cover page of "Men's Rush".
Seems like Haru's the only model.
THEN, I'LL GO HOME.
STUDIO Q
HUH, SHUUJI-KUN?
AH!
NO, NO, TODAY IT'S NOT ME WHO—

A RABBIT!?
UWAAAH~♥ CUTE~♥
ISN'T IT?♥
WE NEED IT FOR TODAY'S SHOOTING♥
HEEEH—
HARU AND A RABBIT?
HEY- HARU!?
glance...

SLAM
KARU...?
WHY.....?
THOUGH I ONLY EXPLAINED TODAY'S CONCEPT...
WHOA! HE SUDDENLY SNAPPED?
UMM... ERR...
ARE YOU PER CHANCE TALKING ABOUT THE RABBIT?
IF IT GOT KICKED IT'LL BE DEAD IMMEDIATELY
WHY DO THEY HAVE TO USE THAT?

I...IS THAT SO...
IF IT'S ONLY THE POLICE, I'VE BEEN USED TO THEM SINCE CHILDHOOD
IF SOMEONE KICKED IT
THE POLICE WOULD COME
HARU?
WHAT'S WITH YOU, YOU LOOK PALE...
DON'T TOUCH ME!
SLAP

Haru...?
IT'S NOTHING
SHOULDN'T YOU GO BACK? WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO? 'CAUSE I'LL DO MY JOB PROPERLY.
clatter
PHEW
UMM... HARU?
ARE YOU READY?
TIME'S PRESSING

flash
flash
flash
flash
flash

GREAT!
SO NEXT IS THE RABBIT --
ba-dump
TODAY HARU'S SO OBEDIENT-----
IT HELPS A LOT THAT HE'S SO OBEDIENT. IT'S THE SECOND OUTFIT ALREADY
AT FIRST I THOUGHT "OH NO. NOT AGAIN?"
DOES THAT PERHAPS MEAN IT'S NOT ALWAYS LIKE THIS ..?
AH
IT'S ABOUT TIME
flash
flash

Flash
Flash
Flash
Flash
HEEEEH—
I WANT TO PUT IT ON THE FRONT COVER LIKE THIS
EXACTLY AS INTENDED HOW NICE—
THE TEAMWORK OF HARU, WHO LOOKS LIKE AN EXPRESSIONLESS DOLL, AND THE RABBIT

Haru.. his face is even paler than before.
I wonder why nobody notices..?
DROPS

Haru—

DASH
EXCUSE ME!
PLEASE STOP FOR A MOMENT.
HARU, YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL, RIGHT?
THIS WAY!

splash
splash
HOW COULD YOU TELL?

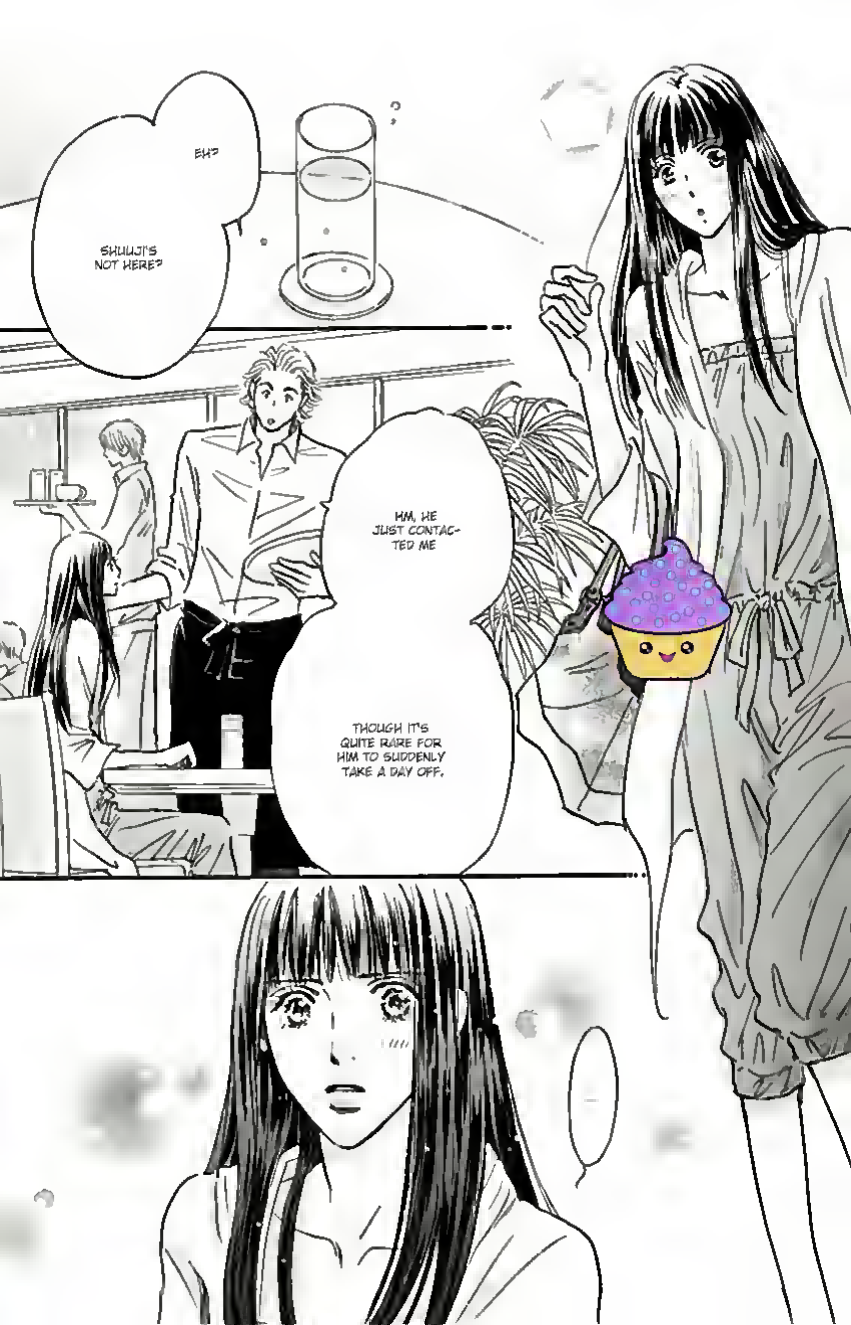
EH? BUT IT'S EASY TO TELL
YOU JUST HAVE TO LO-OK AT YOUR FACE
He took it off to prevent it from getting dirty
LONG AGO
I LET ONE DIE
THE RABBIT...
DO YOU DISLIKE IT THAT MUCH?

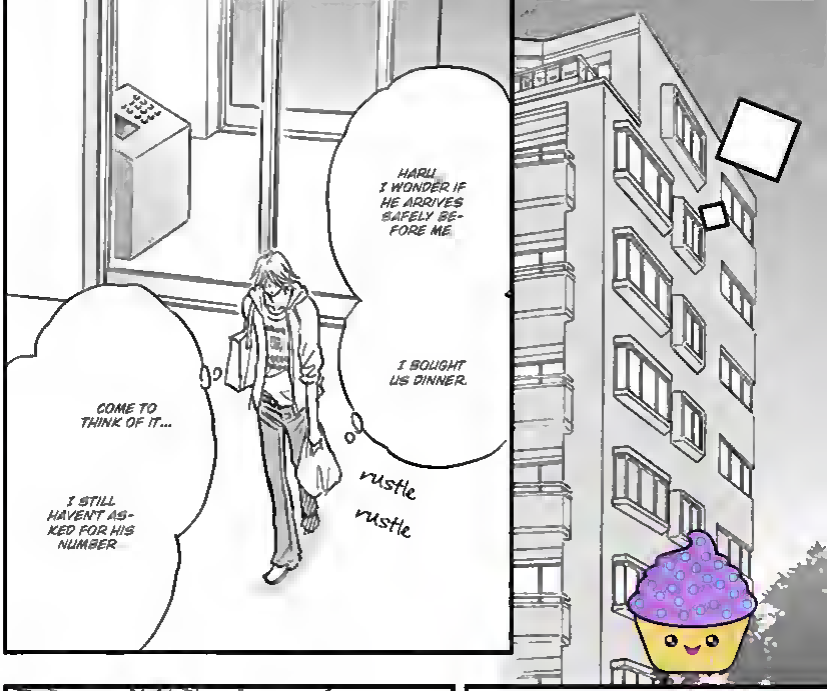
I'LL GET YOU A TOWEL AND SOME MINERAL WATER.
YOUR PHYSICAL CONDITION SURELY WAS BAD, TOO
BUT I'M GLAD IT'S NOT AN ALLERGY OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
AAH
I SEE THINGS LIKE THAT— HAPPEN SOMETIMES
sigh
HARU?
YOUR HAND IS COLD...

ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL AGAIN?
... I'M ...
A DEATH GOD...
EH? WHAT?
?

glare
AH-
SORRY-
HEY, HARU~?
ARE YOU ALRIG...
SCUTTLE AWAY
EH-
SORRY FOR DISTURBING YOU~
grab
I'M GOING BACK.
AH- YES
ARE YOU OK?
Uwaaah~
Somehow... they misunderstood..?

DON'T...
GO TO YOUR PART-TIME JOB.


EH?
SHUUJI'S NOT HERE?
HM, HE JUST CONTACTED ME
THOUGH IT'S QUITE RARE FOR HIM TO SUDDENLY TAKE A DAY OFF.


HARU
I WONDER IF HE ARRIVES SAFELY BEFORE ME
I BOUGHT US DINNER
rustle
rustle
COME TO THINK OF IT...
I STILL HAVENT ASKED FOR HIS NUMBER

BUT IT CANT BE HELPED..
HARU WASN'T WELL TODAY...

HAAAH...
I wonder why I didn't go to work today?

What's with him? He's always a little overreacting..?
..Haru.. when it comes to "death" he's somehow...
It's dark...
OPENS
TAP

ba-dump
BUT HIS SHOES ARE HERE...
HAH...

HARU ?
ba-dump
PHEW
ba-dump
WHAT THE HELL AM I THINKING...?
ba-dump
ba-dump

Ha...ru...
ba-dump
sigh

HEY
TONIGHT, WON'T YOU SLEEP WITH ME?
I ONLY NEED YOUR BODY
HA... HARU?

hmph
AS I THOUGHT
THEN, I'LL GO TO SLEEP FIRST.
WH... WHAT'S WITH DINNER?
SO... RRY.
IT'S IM-POSSIBLE
I CAN'T.
OPENS
DON'T NEED ANY.
SORRY, BUT I'LL TAKE YOUR BED TONIGHT.
SLAM

Th...
that shocked me...
No, wrong.. It's ok.
I still...
haven't fallen in love with anyone yet...